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Sir:

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**US Patent Document**

U.S. Pat. No. 5,234,809, issued August 10, 1993, Boom et al.

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Respectfully submitted,

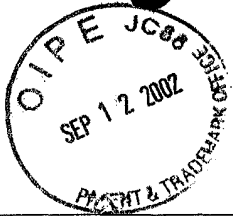
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